

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated January 10, 2005, claims 20, 21, 29, and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over U.S. Patent No. 6,167,248 (Hamalainen); claim 38 was rejected under § 102 over U.S. Patent No. 5,930,721; claims 1, 2, 5, 7, and 19 were rejected under § 103 over Hamalainen in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,930,721 (Fried); and claims 3, 4, and 8 were rejected under § 103 over Hamalainen and Fried.


Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 34-37, and the indication that claims 6, 9-18, 22-28, 31, 32, and 39-45 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 6, 9, 12, 14, 16, 22, 31, 39, 41, and 42 have been amended from dependent form to independent form, with the scope of each claim remaining *unchanged*. These claims are thus in condition for allowance, as indicated by the Office Action.

Claims 1, 5, 20, 29, 30, and 38 have been cancelled, without prejudice, to render the rejections of those claims moot.

All claims are therefore in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (NRT.0063US).

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